

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine [(1)] with a rotatably mounted cylinder drum [(5)], which comprises a central recess [(38)] and a plurality of cylinder bores [(6)] extending approximately axially relative to the central recess [(36)], in which bores [(6)] pistons [(7)] are movably guided, which are supported on a swash plate [(11)] via guide shoes [(8)], which are guided in recesses [(23)] in a return plate [(22)], in the centrally arranged internal bore [(25)] in the return plate [(22)], the member [(26)] being exposed to a pretensioning force in the axial direction via at least one pressure pin [(28)] by means of a tension spring [(27)], ~~characterised in that~~ wherein each pressure pin [(28)] comprises a planar surface enlargement [(43)] radial relative to its longitudinal axis [(34)] at its bottom end [(40)] facing the return member [(26)].

2. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the return member [(26)] is exposed to a pretensioning force in the axial direction via plurality of pressure pins [(28)] by means of a tension spring [(27)].

3. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the pressure pins [(28)] are arranged equidistantly in a circle concentric to the central recess [(38)].

4. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 2 ~~or claim 3~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the pretensioning force of the tension spring [(27)] is transmitted to the pressure pins [(28)] via a spring washer [(30)].

5. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein each pressure pin [(28)] comprises a surface enlargement [(32)] radial relative to its longitudinal axis [(34)] at its top end [(31)] opposite its bottom end [(40)] and facing the spring washer [(30)].

6. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a retaining hook [(36, 44)] is provided in each case at the outer edge of the two surface enlargements [(32, 43)] of each pressure pin [(28)].

7. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein each retaining hook [(36, 44)] at the end of the respective surface enlargement [(32, 43)] of each pressure pin [(28)] projects in each case approximately perpendicularly out of the bearing surface [(35, 45)] formed by the end face of a basic member [(34)] and in each case the end face of the surface enlargement [(32) and (43)].

8. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 6 ~~or claim 7~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein each retaining hook [(44)] at the end of the surface enlargement [(43)] at the bottom end [(40)] of each pressure pin [(28)] is introduced in each case into an opposing bore [(47)] in the return member [(26)].

9. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 6 ~~claims 6 to 8~~, ~~characterised in that~~, wherein at the top end [(31)] of the pressure pins [(28)], the retaining hooks [(36)] at the end of the surface enlargement [(32)] enclose the spring washer [(30)].

10. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 1, ~~claims 1 to 9~~, characterised in that wherein the bearing surface $[(45)]$, formed from the end face of the surface enlargement $[(43)]$ and the end face of the basic member $[(34)]$, at the bottom end $[(40)]$ of each pressure pin $[(28)]$ exhibits at least twice as large a surface area as the end face of the basic member $[(34)]$ of the pressure pin $[(28)]$.

11. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to ~~any one of claims 5 to 9~~, characterised in that claim 5, wherein the outer edges of the bearing surfaces $[(35)]$ of the surface enlargements $[(32)]$ at the top end $[(31)]$ of two diametrically opposed pressure pins $[(28)]$ exhibit a spacing which corresponds to the external diameter of the spring washer $[(30)]$.

12. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to ~~any one of claims 5 to 9 or 11~~, claim 5, wherein one or both of the two surface enlargements $[(32, 43)]$ of each pressure pin $[(28)]$ is/are provided on one side relative to the longitudinal axis $[(34)]$ of the pressure pin $[(28)]$.

13. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~, characterised in that claim 1, wherein each pressure pin $[(28)]$ exhibits the same length.

14. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~, characterised in that claim 1, wherein in the central recess $[(39)]$ of the rotatably mounted cylinder drum $[(5)]$, a shaft $[(4)]$ acts in the manner of a drive by means of a spline profile and the pressure pins are guided through the spline profile.

15. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 14~~, characterised in that claim 1, wherein the surface enlargement $[(43)]$ of each pressure pin $[(28)]$ engages in a pocket $[(50)]$ provided in the return member $[(26)]$.

16. (Currently Amended) An axial piston machine according to claim 15, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein at the outer edge of at least one of the two surface enlargements $[(43)]$ of each pressure pin $[(28)]$, there is in each case provided a retaining hook $[(44)]$ and in that the retaining hook $[(44)]$ engages in each case in a recess $[(51)]$ in the associated pocket $[(50)]$.

17. (Currently Amended) A pressure pin $[(28)]$ having a planar surface enlargement $[(32)]$ provided at the top end $[(31)]$ of the pressure pin $[(28)]$ ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a planar surface enlargement $[(43)]$ is likewise provided at the bottom end $[(40)]$ of the pressure pin $[(28)]$ opposite the top end $[(31)]$.

18. (Currently Amended) A pressure pin according to claim 17, characterised in that wherein a retaining hook $[(36)]$ and $[(44)]$ is provided at the outer edge of each of the two surface enlargements $[(32, 43)]$ of the pressure pin $[(20)]$.

19. (Currently Amended) A pressure pin according to claim 18, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the retaining hook $[(36, 44)]$ projects at the end of each of the two surface enlargements $[(32, 43)]$ of the pressure pin $[(28)]$ in each case approximately perpendicularly out of the bearing surface $[(35, 45)]$ of the pressure pin $[(28)]$ formed in each case by the end face of a basic member and the end face of the surface enlargement $[(32, 43)]$.

20. (Currently Amended) A pressure pin according to ~~any one of claims 17 to 19,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ claim 17, wherein the bearing surface $[(45)]$ of the pressure pin $[(28)]$ formed by the end face of the surface enlargement $[(43)]$ at the bottom end $[(40)]$ of the pressure pin $[(28)]$ and the end face of the basic member $[(34)]$ exhibits at least twice as large a surface area as the end face of the basic member $[(34)]$ of the pressure pin $[(28)]$.

21. (Currently Amended) A pressure pin according to ~~claims 17 to 20~~ claim 17 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein one or both of the two surface enlargements $[(32, 43)]$ of the